UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: June 4, 2003

THE KROGER CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

An Ohio Corporation (State or other No. 1-303 (Commission

31-0345740 (IRS Employer

jurisdiction of incorporation)

File Number)

Number)

1014 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH 45201

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Registrant s telephone number: (513) 762-4000

Item 5. Other Events

On June 4, 2003, the Company issued a press release. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is the text of that release.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereto duly authorized.

THE KROGER CO.

June 4, 2003

By:

/s/ (Paul Heldman)

Paul Heldman

Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

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99.1 Press release.